

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-18 remain in the application.

35 USC §112

Claim 9 was rejected for the spelling of benziketals. Applicants have amended the claim to define benzylketals. Claims 3, 4 and 11-14 were rejected under 35 USC§112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claims were rejected for improper use of the Markush language. The claim has been amended to make these corrections. Withdrawal of the 35 USC §112 rejections is respectfully requested.

35 USC §103 (a) Rejections

Claims 1-20 were rejected under U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable Fenn et al. (6,838,177). Fenn et al. was cited as teaching compositions wherein the weight percent of components are within the instantly claimed ranges except for the amount of photoinitiator being from 1-8% by weight, where the claimed invention teaches and claims photoinitiator in an amount between 0.1 and 0.95% by weight. The office action states that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to employ less photoinitiator, such as the amount claimed, because Fenn et al. defines using as little as 1% photoinitiator and 0.98% as claimed is within range of 1 wt. % considering significant figures with respect to measurement. Applicants respectfully point out that their claimed amount of initiator is 0.95% by weight and not 0.98% by weight.

Applicants submit that the Fenn reference (US Patent No. 6,838,177), does not render the instant claims obvious. Applicants submit that the reference teaches away from dropping the photoinitiator level below 1% because the specification teaches that at the levels of 1 to 8% photoinitiator, the composition may be tacky following exposure to UV radiation for 1 to 3 minutes, while the instant claims define that the coating is cured to a non-tacky surface after 2 minutes exposure to UVA radiation.

Conclusion

In view of the arguments set forth above and the amendments to the claims Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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